Duties, are devolved to States. This will result in an increase from Rs. 206343 Crores of taxes devolved during 10th Finance Commission period to an estimated Rs. 376318.01 Crores over the period 2000—2005, representing an increase of 82.37%.

Police official involvement in beating innocent person

3080. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Express Newsline dated 21st of November, 2001 under the heading, "He could not give a gift, cops thrash him to Hospital";

(b) if so, what are details thereof including the names of the police officials involved in the beating of innocent person who is in the hospital; and

(c) what action Government have taken against those policemen and whether enquiry has been conducted about the connivance of the S.H.O. of the area and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A complaint was received by Delhi Police on 19th November, 2001 that a shopkeeper who runs a ready-made garments shop at Tank Road, Delhi was admitted to Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital after he was assaulted by some police personnel. In his statement recorded during the course of inquiry, the shopkeeper stated that he was beaten up by three police officials, namely, Shri Ram Avtar, Head Constable, Shri Jitender, Constable and Shri Pratap Singh, Constable because he refused to give Diwali gift to them.

(c) All the three accused police officials have been placed under suspension and a Departmental Inquiry has been initiated against them. The Vigilance Branch of Delhi Police is also conducting an inquiry to ascertain if the S.H.O. concerned was also involved in this incident.

Indo-German joint statement

3081. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Indo-German joint statement issued during visit of German Interior Minister recently; and